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1. According to an agreement concluded between Poland and Czechoslovakia, a "free zone" in the harbor of Stettin has been leased to Czechoslovakia. The lease, effective 1 October 1949, is of 100 years duration but is to be re-examined every ten years by both treaty partners and by the USSR. Re-examination oftener than the prescribed ten year interval shall occur only in event of a threat of war.
2. The agreement provides that Poland shall turn over to Czechoslovakia several pieces of land in the port, to be named "Czechoslovakian Territory in the Port of Stettin". As compensation for the leased land, the Czechs must invest at least 100,000,000 zloty a year in the construction of warehouses, wharves, piers, railway tracks, and power distributors (Energiespender) for Poland.
3. On the leased land, the Czechs will have their own railway spurs, warehouses, refrigeration rooms, and power distributors. Construction work was to begin immediately after the signing of the treaty. The deadline for the completion of the warehouses and docks is March 1950*. The Czechs may employ predominantly their own countrymen. The entire Free Harbor of Stettin is to be regarded as a commercial port, and Czechoslovakia is permitted to use a certain pre-determined zone for commercial purposes.
4. The Russians reserve the right to hire and fire port officials. The Czech government shall be permitted to have a 50-man military garrison stationed there for the purpose of studying ocean traffic, but the Russians retain control over the training of this group. The Russian Naval Command for the Baltic is to be housed in the former hunting lodge of the German Crown Prince in Mieth in the vicinity of Ahlbeck.
5. Similar treaties are to be concluded with Rumania and Hungary. German workers and officials are disappearing from the port area and are being replaced by newly employed people from Poland and Russia.

* [] Comment: [] does not specify whether this deadline applies to the construction of Czech installations or to installations to be built for Poland. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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